

FISHERIES BOARD IN SESSION HERE

Winding Up Affairs Preparatory
to Turning Office Over to
Successor.

THE OYSTER DEPREDATIONS

Draft of Letter Which States the
Virginia Navy Has No
Jurisdiction.

The State Board of Fisheries, whose
term of office ends with the present
month, held a busy session here yester-
day. All the members of the board
were present. These embrace Dr. J.
W. Bowdoin, chairman; Mr. S. F. Miller,
secretary; Senator George B. Keezell,
Mr. R. J. Cant and Mr. H. M. Tyler.

The session was devoted in large
measure to adjusting accounts, preparatory
to making the final settlements
touching the affairs under the charge of
the board to be turned over to the new
board, which, under appointment by Gov-
ernor Swanson, will come into office
March 1st. An adjourned session will be
held the 27th instant for closing up the
work and making a final settlement.

The board received two applications
from Norfolk parties for five thousand
acres each of deep water planting
ground near Cape Henry. The grounds
applied for are contiguous to embrace
a portion of the ground where the crabs
hibernate in winter. Pending the crab
legislation now before the General As-
sembly, the board felt that it was best
to leave this matter for consideration by
the new board after the General Assembly
shall have decided what crab legislation
shall be enacted. There is grave doubt
expressed whether either of these two
applications will be granted as the crab
industry, which is a large and important
one, might be seriously affected by such
a course.

The Messrs. Brown made applications
for reasonable time in which to move
20,000 bushels of planted oysters and
shells in Milford Haven, which they
claim have been innocently planted and
which they say they have no right to
determine to make an investigation of the
matter and will decide at the adjourned
meeting to be held on the 27th what
course shall be followed.

Work of Oyster Navy.

The board drafted the following state-
ment with reference to accounts given
by a special representative of The Times-
Dispatch of conditions existing in the
oyster waters of the Commonwealth and
the failure of the Virginia oyster navy
to keep out men from Maryland and others,
who are depredating upon the Virginia
ground.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 14, 1906.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir:—There appeared in The Times-
Dispatch of this date an article by your
special staff correspondent, Mr. Allen
Potts, containing grossly unjust reflec-
tions on the State Board of Fisheries and
the oyster police service.

The writer seems ignorant as to our
State's rights and jurisdiction in the Po-
tomac River. Investigation will show
that Maryland's ownership of the Po-
tomac River extends to high water mark
on the Virginia shore, from prominent
headland to headland, with the right
of concurrent jurisdiction over the wa-
ters of the Potomac. Hence when
Maryland boats appear in these waters,
they cannot be deemed to be invading
Virginia waters, nor could such boats
be seized without serious com-
plications between these States.

That the Maryland navy "relentlessly
drives the Virginia boats to their own
side," is a startling and sur-
prising statement to the board
and one they are utterly unable to credit.
Were this the case, some complaint
would have reached the board by the
persecuted citizens, yet no such com-
plaint has been heard or filed. It is
true that violations of the oyster laws,
both of Maryland and Virginia have been
and are occurring in the Potomac, but
these violations are fined by the authori-
ties whenever caught, and in proof of
this, fines for violations in the Potomac
aggregating \$1,500 or \$2,000 have been
imposed by the Virginia oyster police
service, and the inspectors within the
last two years.

Valuable Oyster Rock.

Virginia's most valuable oyster rock
and beds lie in her rivers, particularly
in the James River, and it is in Virginia's
own rivers and bays that the most dam-
aging violations and depredations are
made, hence, it is there that her police
force is chiefly engaged. Virginia's oys-
ter navy, as is well known, is utterly
inadequate to protect her vast area of
water—not could this be done were the
navy three or four times as large—Hence
the board can only protect to the best of
its ability, with its limited force, the
most important sections.

The Virginia oyster police boats
consist of the steamer Accomac, with head-
quarters at Urbanna, on the Rappahannock
River, and her special duty is to police
the waters of that river and the bay to
Old Point. The steamer Rappahan-
nock, with headquarters at Smithfield,
and whose special duty is to police James
River; and the schooner Pocomoke, sta-

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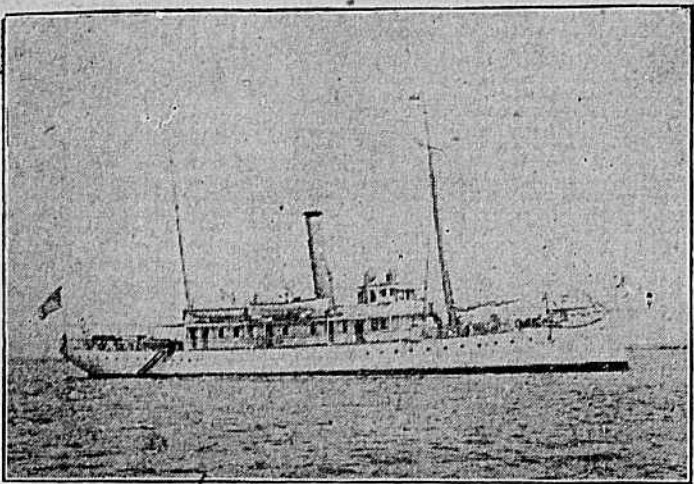
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Based on the Maryland line in Potomac
and Tanager Sounds. Two or more of
these boats are sent from time to time
on occasions require, to guard or pun-
ish violations in special sections.

As a matter of fact the steamer Rap-
pahanock is now in the Potomac River
and has been there the entire dredging
season, with the exception of the Christ-
mas holidays. She has been assisted there
since the opening of the season by the
Accomac, and the chairman of the board
has officially visited the Potomac to an-
nounce in suppression of violations there.

Have No Jurisdiction.

To any one acquainted with the au-



U. S. REVENUE CUTTER WINDOM.

thority of the police boat captains, no
defence need be made to the reflections
for cruelty and hardships inflicted on the
sailors on board the vessels engaged in
the oyster industry. The police boat
captains have no authority or jurisdiction
whatever over such matters, nor do their
duties extend to these matters.

The article in to-day's paper does great
injustice to these police boat captains and
to the board, and must have been written
without investigating the oyster laws and
conditions or the rights of the States of
Virginia or Maryland over the Potomac
River. Nor could he have realized the
impossibility of Virginia's small navy
adequately protecting her oyster interest
or punishing all violators of her oyster
laws.

The board has earnestly endeavored to
discharge its duties to the best of its
ability with the means at hand, and to
reap for the State a fair revenue. This
revenue, by the last annual report, shows
a net profit to the State of \$34,968, realized
in ninety months. It is true that violations
are still going on, and the beds are being
depredated on, but these violations and
depredations are decreasing, and the
industry is developing and growing rapidly
and the State's oyster beds are better
protected than ever before. The board
asks that you give this article the same
prominence you give that of your staff
correspondent.

Maryland Navy Larger.

We may add that Maryland's police
force consists of two fine steamboats and
some twenty odd sail boats and gasoline
launches, while Virginia's consist of three
small steamers and one sail boat. Mary-
land's area to protect is much smaller
than Virginia's. Each Maryland's service
is maintained at a heavy annual loss to
the State, while Virginia's is con-
sidered at a handsome net profit.

A comparative statement taken from
the Baltimore News is interesting in
this connection:

The comparative results as regards
State revenue stand sharply out in the
following table:

Maryland, Virginia.
1901 \$74,574.32 \$46,044.59
1902 73,369.02 51,618.45
1903 59,065.17 62,625.90
1904 59,083.16 68,028.54

Disbursements in 1904 amounted to \$24-
26.32 in Virginia, and \$22,325.85 in Mary-
land, a deficit of \$2,364.50.

Virginia is going up, while Maryland is
going down, and the process may be ex-
pected to go on at an accelerating rate
unless Maryland makes a decided change
of policy.—Baltimore News.

Robbing the Oyster Beds.
Cunningham tells a story of the way
the oyster boats are robbing the oyster
beds of seed oysters, and getting away
with the cargo to North Carolina. He
says they fill the hole with seed oysters
and put a layer of large oysters on top,
and so escape even if the oyster police
come on board to make an examination.

These statements made by Cunningham
were sworn to before United States Com-
missioners Stephenson on board the
"Windom" and are verified by state-
ments made before United States Com-
missioners Stephenson, at Smithfield, Wil-
liam Jones and John Collins, three other
Shanghaied sailors who were aboard the
"Daniel."

Conditions Are Changing.

When the United States Revenue Cut-
ter Windom left Colonial Beach, Captain
Justice, of the "Daniel," carried the
rest of his crew before a justice of the
peace and had them make affidavit that

he had treated them kindly and fed them
well. He then discharged the men and
furnished them tickets to Baltimore.

Residents of Colonial Beach say that
such an act of generosity has never been
heard of before and that the investigation
that is now going on and the arrests
that have been made are bringing about
a remarkable change.

The oystermen are clamorous and will
not give out any information concerning
the boats that are being sought. The
"Leroy" and the "Upshur" and
"No. 55," the boats that were
looked for, had not, according to
all who have been questioned, been
seen Chesapeake Bay waters; yet it
he positively known that they have been
there all season. They are keeping out
of the way, and not the slightest trace
of them could be discovered.

All the oystermen with whom I have
talked deplored the unlawful taking of
oysters. They all say that the beds are
being ruined and that there is no longer
a "living" in the business, and yet they
continue the unlawful practice, saying
that they do it because others do.

Well informed men told me it will take
five years of rest to restore the beds to
their former condition, and they all
united in saying that the authorities give
the Virginia oyster navy no credit, and
that, so far as their section is concerned,
the Virginia oyster navy is only "a
name," which no longer frightens oys-
termen.

What Maryland Does.

On the Maryland side of the Potomac
River I boarded a Maryland boat and no-
ticed that the men were throwing the
seed oysters overboard. "Why don't you
keep the seed oysters?" I asked the cap-
tain. "The other boats are dredging and
selling them."

He smiled as he answered: "I used to

stone, Chief Oiler H. Jacob Olsen, Cabin
Steward Noble Keys and Ship's Cook
David Jones.

The investigation that has just been
conducted by Marshal Treat was ordered
by the government at the request of the
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man on the "Daniel" being an Austrian
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STUDENT SECRETLY MARRIED IN PELHAM

A special from Danville says that news
of a romantic marriage, which was per-
formed at Pelham, N. C., the famous
Gretna Green of that section, has just
leaked out. The contracting parties were
Miss Giles, an attractive young
lady of Halifax county, and Mr. J. C.
Johnson, a student of dentistry in the
University College of Medicine in Rich-
mond, who were secretly married Dec-
ember 24. It is said that it was the
plan of the elopers to keep the affair a
secret until next June, when Mr. John-
son will graduate. But the marriage is
known among the fellow students of Mr.
Johnson, and has been since its occur-
rence.

Miss Giles was engaged to be married to

a young man, a farmer of Hal-
fax on December 24th. The wedding
trousseau was made, and many guests
were invited to witness the ceremony.
The marriage did not take place, and
the announcement of the marriage to
Mr. Johnson at Pelham accounts for the
occurrence.

Many Not Well Equipped.

At Gloucester Point, on Tuesday night,
while I was telephoning on account of
the utter inefficiency of the Virginia Oys-
ter Navy, and the beds are being
depredated on, but these violations and
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Turner Trimming Machine Put in Operation at C. B. Ford Co.'s.

The first Turner mechanical trimming
machine was put in operation at the
machine shop of C. B. Ford Com-
pany at the Trigg shipyard yesterday
afternoon. A number of Chesapeake and
Ohio officials were invited to see the
trial of the device, which is claimed to
be a great labor and time-saving inven-
tion in the loading of vessels with grain,
ore, coal and such. Conceived in the
brain of a Norfolk man and built in a
Richmond shop, if the invention receives
favorable reception, Virginia may well
boast of it.

More than two years ago C. B. Turner,
the inventor, then weigh-master of the
Norfolk and Western Railroad, at Nor-
folk, began to figure on some means to
save the tedious process of trimming the
cargo as a boat or ship is loaded.

The first trial of the machine, whether
steam, sail or tow, that is loaded with
a cargo of any substance which is put
in the vessel in bulk form has to be
"trimmed," is not generally known to
those that are unfamiliar with the
marine section of the world.

Since last June Mr. Turner has devot-
ed his entire time to the machine, and yester-
day, as the big whirling disk was put
into operation he seemed to be satis-
fied that his labors had reaped the looked-
for result. An official trial will be given
at the Philadelphia and Reading
depot in Philadelphia next month.

A stock company has been formed,
which will control the market of the ma-
chine, which is covered by patents in
many countries both on this continent
and in Europe. The corporation was char-
tered last June with a capital of \$20,000.
The contract for building the machine was
let to the C. B. Ford Company.

This statement bears out what was
said along the bay, and at every town
and wharf the Windom touched that the
Virginia navy operated in James River,
and that it was but a name to the rest
of the State.

Mr. Miller complained that the Mary-
land police boats arrested Virginia cap-
tains, while allowing Maryland captains to
go free for the same offense, and
that this constituted an argument for
an increased Virginia navy.

Will Result in Good.

It is certain that the investigation
that has been made by United States
Marshal Treat has been of excellent effect,
and in a large measure the commander
and the officers of the "Windom" are re-
sponsible for the outcome. The "Win-
dom" is what might be called an armed
yacht, and keeps guard over Chesapeake
Bay for the United States government.
Four of her seven officers are Southern
men, and her commander and chief engi-
neer are Virginians. The officers are:
Captain, George E. McConnell, Virginia;
first lieutenant, Leonard T. Cutler, New
Hampshire; second lieutenant, Eugene
Blake, Jr., Maryland; second lieutenant,
Geoff. M. Gabbett, Georgia; chief engineer,
Robert L. Wright, Virginia; second en-
gineer, Harry M. Heppburn, Iowa,
grandson of Congressman Heppburn; sec-
ond assistant engineer, Clarence J. Cur-
tiss, New York.

The cutter is 171 feet long and is armed
with two three-inch guns, a six-pounder
and a navy gun. The crew consists of
thirty-eight men, and the strictest
naval discipline is observed on board.
The "Windom" was one of the blockade
warships in the Spanish War, and so gal-
lantly did she behave at Cienfuegos that
her officers and crew received each a
medal and the thanks of Congress. But
four of the medals are now on board.
They are Gunner Samson Sum-

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ARRANGEMENTS READY FOR BIG YACHT RACES

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, February 14.—The officers of
the Eastern Yacht Club today received
a cable message from Admiral Baranov,
chairman of the racing committee of the
Imperial Yacht Club of Germany, an-
nouncing that arrangements for interna-
tional races of March 1 and 2, 1906, at
Stettin, Germany, had been practically
completed to-day by the Germans. The races
which will be sailed under the joint au-
sices of the Eastern Yacht Club and the
German Club, will be for small sloops,
and the Germans will send over boats to
compete for a cup, and the American
yachts will be the defenders.

The cup is to be offered by the Eastern
Yacht Club and will be known as the
Roosevelt Cup. President Roosevelt hav-
ing agreed to stand sponsor.

In the message from Admiral Baranov,
it was announced that the German Em-
peror had offered a cup to be sailed for
in a series of return races at Kiel in
1907.

KILLED SON-IN-LAW.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MADISON, Wis., Feb. 14.—Layton Sisk, a man about sev-
enty years old, shot and instantly killed his
son-in-law, Sandy Nicholson, Monday
night. The occurrence occurred at the
home of Sisk in the extreme upper part
of this county, in the Blue Ridge Moun-
tains. Sisk was brought to town today
and lodged in jail. The particulars of the
killing have not yet been learned.

Will Not Go to Alexandria.

Company B, Seventh Virginia Regi-
ment, held its regular weekly drill last
night in the armory. Captain Miller re-
ported a fine attendance.

Company C, drilled Tuesday night with
a fair attendance. The members have de-
cided not to go to Alexandria on February
22, in response to an invitation which
they lately received from that town.
Three or four applications for membership
were received last night.

Blues to Have Banquet.

The Richmond Light Infantry Blues will
celebrate Washington's birthday with a
street parade on February 22. On that
night they will have a banquet in honor
of the day. Those having charge of the af-
fair are Messrs. W. Hinds, E. L. Hazen
and H. C. Boschen.

OBITUARY.

William A. Stuart.
William A. Stuart, son of the late Wil-
liam A. Stuart, of this city, died here
yesterday morning.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock
this morning from the undertaking home
of L. T. Christian. Interment will be in
Oakwood Cemetery.

Margaret Kasey.

Margaret Crittenden Kasey, infant
daughter of Robert C. and Nellie John-
son, died at her home in this city, Mon-
day night.

The funeral will take place from the
house at 11 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Mary Taylor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DUNSMVILLE, Va., Feb. 14.—Mrs.
Mary Taylor, the mother of Crawford P.
Taylor, of this city, died at an
advanced age Saturday morning, and
interred in the family cemetery Sunday
afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at the
family home, 406 West Marshall Street.
The funeral will take place from the
house at 11 o'clock this morning.

R. J. Smith.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MCKENZIEBURG, Va., Feb. 14.—Mr. R.
J. Smith, a well known citizen of
McKenzieburg, died last night
from the effects of a stroke of paralysis
at his home near Palmyra, aged seventy-
one years. He is survived by his wife
and six children, four of whom live in
St. Louis, one in Ohio and one in St. Louis.
All of the children will be present at the
funeral.

William Smith.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CLIFTON FORGE, Va., February 14.—
William Smith, a well known farmer,
died here to-day at the home of his son,
D. R. Smith, after one day's illness, aged
seventy-eight years. He was born in
West Virginia, but had spent the best
portion of his life in Bath county, Staun-
ton and Clifton Forge. He was con-
stantly at the plow and failed to get
up at the usual hour, and later was
found dead. He leaves six children.

H. W. Quarles.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MINERAL, Va., February 14.—Mr.
Harry Winston Quarles, ex-Mineral, Va.,
and one of the oldest and most
respected citizens of the county, died
here last night, aged eighty-one years.
His remains will be placed in the great-
er part of his life at Louisa Courthouse,
but for the past sixteen years had re-
sided at Mineral, Va.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

February 14, 1906.
HAVING THIS DAY QUALIFIED AS
administrator of the estate of R. J.
Burgess, deceased, all persons having
claims against said estate will please
present them duly certified for payment, and
those indebted will please settle.
SARAH J. BURGESS, adminis-
tratrix. R. J. Burgess, deceased, 219
Venue street, Richmond, Va.

MAN COERCES TROTTING RULES

National Trotting Association
Prohibits Riders or Drivers
Clocking in a Race.

LICENSES FOR ALL STARTERS

Another Law Does Away With
Wind Shield—P. P. Johnston
Elected President.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The National
Trotting Association, at its twenty-third
annual congress, held to-day, made
many important changes in its rules to
govern the trotting turf for the coming
year.

A new rule to prevent drivers or riders
from resorting to the use of a watch
while in a race led to an animated dis-
cussion, but was finally adopted.
On the recommendation of the Rule
Committee, a rule was adopted allowing
any circuit or tracks of five or more
members to have its own Board of
Stewards, whose ruling will be supreme
in instances affecting that particular cir-
cuit.

A new rule was adopted requiring all
starters to have licenses from the Na-
tional Association. A number of amend-
ments to the rules were adopted.

Rule 43 was amended to read: "That in
all performances, a starter, driver or pace-
maker may accompany the trotter or
pacer, but shall not run ahead of him
to break the natural resistance of the
atmosphere."

The reason announced for passing this
rule was because experience had shown
that the wind shield clock trotters and
pacers to gain records from three to
eight seconds faster than these same
horses were capable of making under
normal conditions. It was decided that
the practice of admitting such perfor-
mances of records in a separate class had
led to confusion and also was unfair to
the horses, which had taken records in
the regular way.

The following officers were elected:
P. P. Johnston, of Lexington, president;
Honors, C. Buckley, of Hartford, Conn.,
first vice-president; N. T. Smith, of San
Francisco, second vice-president.

The treasurer and secretary will be
elected later in the season.

George Campbell Brown, of Springfield,
Tenn., was elected member of the Cen-
tral district Board in place of C. K. G.
Billings, of Memphis.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DAY OF DECEM-
BER, 1905. THE VIRGINIA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

Name of the company in full—LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.
Location of home or principal office of said company—RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.
Character of the business transacted by the company—LIFE INSURANCE, MIXED.

President—J. G. WALKER.
Secretary—W. L. T. ROBERTSON.
Organized and incorporated—MARCH 21, 1871.
Commenced business—APRIL, 1871.
Name of the General Agent in Virginia—H. W. ELLERSON; residence, RICHMOND, VA.

Amount of capital stock \$100,000 00